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THE MADRID PRESS MARCH 10 REPORTED THE NEWS AGENCY CIFRA HAD LEARNED FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMMITTEE OF ASYLUM AND EXTRADITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF LAWYERS THAT IN FACT THERE IS AN EXTRADITION TREATY BETWEEN FRANCE AND SPAIN, WHICH WAS SIGNED IN 1877. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, BOTH THE TREADY AND THE FRENCH EXTRADITION LAW OF 1927 BLOCK EXTRADITION OF THOSE WANTED FOR POLITICAL CRIMES, AND ON THAT BASIS FRANCE REFUSED IN 1974 TO EXTRADIT 10 MEMBERS OF THE BASQUE TERRORIST ETA SOUGHT IN CONNECTION WITH THE ASSASSINATION OF CARRERO BLANCO. SHOULD THE CURRENT FUGITIVE BE CAUGHT IN FRANCE, HIS CONDITION AS A RIGHTWINGER WOULD PRESENT THE GOF WITH A CASE OF SUBSTANTIALLY DIFFERENCE POLITICAL HUE, AND ONE WITHOUT THE BASQUE COMPLICATION. EATON

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